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Seventy-fifth Anniversary
1909 - 1984

PREFACE

This view of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, looking backward over seventy-five years, is a view from a setting in a highly mechanized era to the horse and buggy age. The editor and her assistant, Margaret Cavin, talked with several people whose memories stretch back to the beginnings. It is hoped that through their recollections is conveyed an appreciation for the zeal, the industry, the dedication and the accomplishments of ministers and lay people who worked together to establish a Lutheran Church in Landis and provide both a house of worship and a Christian education for people of all ages.

No attempt has been made to include gifts to the church in memory of loved ones, except as they contribute to some feature of the church story. Records of all memorial gifts are in the church files. They are many and deserve a separate publication.

It is hoped that this sketchy history, without pictures, will be considered a basis upon which a fuller story can be told, with both pictorial content and text.

Sources consulted include the History of Trinity Lutheran Church, Landis, North Carolina, 1909-1967, by Miss Josephine Lipe and Miss Margaret Cavin; Life Sketches of Lutheran Ministers, North Carolina - Tennessee Synods, 1773-1965, published by the authority of the North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church in America, copyright 1966; Minutes of the Church Council, newspaper clippings and other material in the files of the church office. Parts of this history contributed by pastors and by members of the congregation are acknowledged in the text. We make special mention of Myron Brown, Andrew Mills, Sherman Walter and Mrs. C.P. Fisher in sharing with us some of their memories.

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A NEW CHURCH IN A NEW TOWN

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, until July 17, 1927 known as Landis Evangelical Lutheran Church, had its beginning in the hearts and minds of a few dedicated people a number of years before the organizational meeting in the Landis Methodist Church on June 13, 1909. At that time, the only church in Landis was the Methodist Church.

Landis was eight years old in 1909, having been recognized in 1901 by the North Carolina General Assembly as an incorporated city of North Carolina. The first duly elected mayor was C.A. Sims. C.J. Deal, J.S. Corriher and Will J.S. Correll were commissioners. John H. Blackwelder was the first constable.

Linn Mill preceded both the town and the church and brought people in from the surrounding country. The mill was built in 1899 with brick made near the site and with lumber from a sawmill operated by C.J. Deal and Lotan A. Corriher, also partners in starting the mill. It was erected alongside the railway on land which had been part of C.A. Linn's cotton farm. The new mill acquired land from Mr. Linn in exchange for mill stock and started operation in 1900.

The imagination, ingenuity and industry of those who found ways to bring economic hope to this part of Rowan County were rooted in religious faith and training. Their churches were important to them.

It is not surprising that Rev. J.L. Morgan, who went to St. Enoch as pastor in 1903, was invited to hold services in the Landis school building the next year. He drove to Landis with a horse and buggy and conducted evening services in the two-room frame school building, successor to Pethel School.It stood on the site of the present Corriher-Lipe School. Some of his members at St. Enoch, including Mr. and Mrs. G.O. Lipe and Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Wright, had moved to Landis. Mr. Lipe was superintendent of Linn Mill and Mr. Wright was in the hardware business.

Rev. J.L. Morgan, the first Lutheran minister to hold services in Landis, began an association with Landis Lutherans on March 20, 1904 that led to the organization of Landis Evangelical Lutheran Church, June 13, 1909.

At this first Lutheran service on Sunday, March 20, 1904, at 3:00 PM in the frame school building, the sermon was preached by Rev. Morgan. Rev. J.Q. Wertz, pastor of Lutheran Chapel, led the service and read the scripture lesson. Prayer was offered by Rev. D.I. Offman, pastor of Mt. Moriah.
In 1907, Rev. J.L. Morgan was appointed Synodical Missionary and moved to High Point. From there he started four churches within the space of six months:

July 7, 1907 - EMMANUEL, HIGH POINT
First service held in the old Opera House on North Main Street.

July 14, 1907 - LANDIS
First regular service held in the Methodist Church. Rev. Morgan had held services in Landis while pastor of St. Enoch since March 20, 1904 and had helped lay the groundwork for a church organization.

October 27, 1907 - FIRST, GREENSBORO
First service held in the YWCA on Market Street.

December 8, 1907 - ST. MARK, MOORESVILLE
First service held in the A.R.P. Church

Rev. J.L. Morgan had visited Landis on Tuesday, July 9, 1907, conferred with Lutherans living in the town and had made arrangements to begin holding services one Sunday per month with a view to organization of a congregation. The following Sunday, July 14, at 3:00 PM, the first regular service was held.
Greensboro, High Point and Landis were served by the railroad, but trips from Landis to Mooresville were by horse and buggy. Andrew Mills recalls that he often hitched up one of his father's horses to a buggy and took Rev. Morgan to Mooresville after Sunday services in Landis.
On Wednesday, August 26, 1908, at 8:00 PM, some interested Lutherans met with Pastor Morgan in the Linn Mill Company's office to discuss the erection of a Lutheran Church building. Pastor Morgan and J.C. Deaton were appointed a Committee to formulate plans and specifications for a church of frame structure. J.C. Deaton was appointed to solicit funds and F.E. Wright was appointed treasurer.
At Easter Sunday afternoon service, April 11, 1909, an organization was effected with thirty-three persons declaring their intention of coming into

the new Lutheran organization. On June 13, 1909, the organization was completed after devotional service held by Rev. J.L. Morgan. There were forty-four charter members. The following officers were elected:

G.O. Lipe, Secretary
Rufus Beaver and J.J. Barringer, Elders
J.R. Rice and A.L. Sechler, Deacons

A Building Committee was appointed by the Council: Mr. Rufus Beaver, Chairman, Mr. G.O. Lipe and Mr. F.E. Wright, Treasurer. In the meantime, a lot on corner of South Zion and West Rice Streets had been purchased by the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina. This lot was donated to the congregation.

Within two years, Rev. J.L. Morgan completed the establishment of Emmanuel in High Point and First in Greensboro and moved to Mooresville on September 30, 1909.

Mr. James R. Rice, other Landis Lutherans and people from all around donated logs from their woodlands to be sawed into lumber at the sawmill in Landis for the Landis church. Rev. J.L. Morgan helped start the logs rolling! Sherman Walter recalls how he and Andrew Mills, both young boys, held the handle of a cross-cut saw on one side of a tree and Rev. Morgan the handle on the other side as they cut logs from a forest pine on E.G. Mills' property in Landis where the City Tin Shop is today. Rev. Morgan had made arrangements on Sunday after service to come early the next morning to cut logs. Sherman spent the night at his uncle's home so that he could be part of the work crew. While Rev. Morgan and the boys sawed, Mr. Mills took logs to the sawmill on his wagon. The sawmill was located behind Linn Mill.

John L. Taylor laid the brick pillars of the church with brick bought in Salisbury and helped his father, Tom Taylor, build the frame structure. This 32' x 54' building was started on Saturday, November 28, 1909, and was completed in May 1910. Others who helped Mr. Taylor were Tom Adams, a carpenter and also the one who had the first barbershop in Landis, Odell Walker and Ed Linn. All lumber, except dried lumber used for finishing, was donated. The approximate value, including the lot, was $2,000. Furniture and furnishings were donated: the altar, presented by Professor P.E. Wright of St. Enoch, the pulpit, presented by John A. Lipe of St.

Enoch (later a member of Landis Lutheran), and the lectern, presented by Mrs. B.O. Edwards of Landis, were all made by James N. Plaster, a member of St. Enoch. Pulpit chairs, used today in the chancel, were presented by the Young People's Society and by Mrs. B.O. Edwards. The Pulpit Bible was presented by the Sunday School of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, China Grove; silver offering plates were presented by Dr. B.O. Edwards of Landis; the carpet was donated by the Women's Missionary Society; and the white linen altar, pulpit and lectern hangings, and altar and communion cloths were handmade and presented by the Women's Missionary Society (later named Josephine Lipe Circle).

The first preaching service, and also the first morning service for the congregation, was conducted at 11:00 AM by Rev. J.L. Morgan, Missionary Pastor, on June 5, 1910.

On November 20, 1910, Rev. J.L. Morgan held the first communion service. Forty-four members, including the confirmation class of nine members, constituted the church's charter membership. Transfers by letter came from six Lutheran churches and from two Methodist churches:

Lutheran Chapel	18
St. Enoch	6
Concordia	3
St. Mark, China Grove	3
Grace	2
Trinity(Cabarrus)	1
Methodist(Landis)	1
Methodist(China Grove)	1
Confirmation Class	9
	44

The last service held in Landis by Missionary Pastor J.L. Morgan was on May 21, 1911 in the little frame church completed in May 1910.

Rev. F.L. Conrad, D.D., a successor in the office of President of the North Carolina Synod, said of Dr. Morgan, "He blazed the trail in development of Mission Churches in North Carolina when there was no mission committee, no mission funds, and no mission precedent." Members of Landis Evangelical Lutheran Church (later, Trinity Lutheran Church) were the first to work with him in establishing a church. By their industry and enthusiasm, they helped Rev. Morgan set precedents for mission work. Landis Lutheran was actually the first mission church to be developed under the North Carolina

Synod's missionary program, if we consider that it began as an extension of St. Enoch under Rev. Morgan's leadership.
Dr. Morgan kept in touch with Trinity and with its members throughout his life and was present for every special event in the church as long as he was active in the ministry.

THE MOORESVILLE-LANDIS PARISH

Within two years after Rev. J.L. Morgan moved to Mooresville, establishment of both Landis and St. Mark, Mooresville, were completed. Rev. Morgan moved to Raleigh on June 19, 1911 to open a new mission church in that city. Landis and Mooresville were placed in a parish together.
M.L. Kester, a ministerial student, was supply pastor during the summer of 1911. Rev. I.E. Long, the minister called to serve this parish, started his ministry on December 17, 1911. In May 1912, Rev. Long resigned from Landis so that the Landis-Concordia parish could be formed.

THE LANDIS-CONCORDIA PARISH

Landis Evangelical Lutheran Church

Landis decided, at a congregational meeting on July 28, 1912, to build a parsonage. The Building Committee, composed of Rufus Beaver, E.G. Mills and G.O. Lipe, was authorized to construct a parsonage of about seven rooms for the minister called to serve both Landis and Concordia churches, Rev. B.S. Brown. The house was constructed by Ed Fleming at a cost of $1,200.00. Concordia, on March 13, 1914, gave Landis $400.00 toward the expense. This was money received from sale of land on which Concordia had intended building a parsonage and was repaid when the two churches separated.
Rev. B.S. Brown began serving the Landis-Concordia parish on October 6, 1912. He and his son, Myron, made the trip from Blacksburg, Virginia, in a buggy. It took four days for them to drive to Landis. Mrs. Brown and a younger son, Frank, arrived by train a week later. Two older sons, Bachman and Eugene, were at Roanoke College and a daughter, Mary, was teaching school in Virginia. Rev. Brown and Myron stayed with Mr. and Mrs. G.O. Lipe until Mrs. Brown and Frank arrived. Then, the boys went to Mr. Frank Wright's home and Rev. and Mrs. Brown were in the Lipe home. Their furniture came by a chartered freight car. The furniture was moved into a very

new two-story parsonage, unpainted on the inside and on the outside. Myron remembers especially well the unpainted floors and how his mother gave him the job of oiling them, splinters and all! At the time the Browns moved to Landis, there were only three automobiles in town. One belonged to Charlie Sloop and the other two were owned by Dr. Edwards. He had one for himself and one for Mrs. Edwards.

At a Council meeting on October 10, 1912, the secretary and treasurer were ordered to make arrangements for a sexton for the next year, to be paid the sum of 25¢ per Sunday. Andrew Mills held this position until January 17 of the next year when he resigned.

At this same Council meeting, Rev. B.S. Brown and Rufus Beaver were appointed a committee of two to make arrangements for installation and for the cornerstone laying. The cornerstone was laid the next month, on November 10, with the address by Rev. J.L. Morgan.

The financial report for the year ending April 1913 shows the amount of contributions as $394.79. The amount for current expense on the Pastor's salary was $353.88; the amount sent to the treasurer of the Synod, $24.50; and the amount in the bank, $16.41.

Dedication of the church was on August 3, 1913, the day following a meeting of the Southern Conference in Landis Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev. B.S. Brown was in charge of the service; Rev. J.L. Morgan made the address. Other members of the Conference present were Rev. V.Y. Boozer, Rev. H.M. Miller and Rev. P.D. Brown.

Less than fourteen years later, on March 6, 1927, members of the Landis Evangelical Lutheran Church unanimously voted to build a new church of brick structure. G.O. Lipe was appointed Chairman of the Building Committee. He chose P.K. Dry and R.G. Ritchie as his assistants. Miss Josephine Lipe was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee and was assisted by R.G. Ritchie.

The last service was held in the wooden structure on May 22, 1927 at 7:30 PM. The next morning, the frame church building which had served the congregation for seventeen years was being torn down.

On June 20, 1927, after a short service at 8:00 PM, ground for the new church was broken. Church services were held in the auditorium of the Landis High School building while the new church was under construction.

The same spirit of work and self-help shown in building the frame church was evidenced in construction of the brick structure. The Building Committee hired a foreman, Mr. D.S. Clodfelter of Troutman, to supervise the building of the new church. The Committee bought the materials direct. A truck was purchased to haul materials. Church members hauled bricks and other materials from railroad side tracks in Landis to the church, often taking turns during their lunch periods. After the building was completed, the truck was sold for about its original cost.

THE LANDIS-CONCORDIA PARISH

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

The next month, on July 17, 1927, following the morning service, the congregation voted unanimously to change the name of the church from Landis Evangelical Lutheran Church to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Starting on January 8, 1928, the basement of the new church was used for Sunday School and for church services. In October 1928, the main auditorium of the church was completed. Mrs. Josie Shulenberger's father, J.W. Hanna, who had retired early from Hickory Chair Company because of ill health, came with Mr. J.C. Carrier, an official of the company, and measured for the church pews. After the pews arrived, the first service was held in the new church auditorium. Pastor C.O. Lippard was in charge of the service and Rev. J.L Morgan delivered the sermon at this service on December 2, 1928.

On June 5, 1938, all indebtedness was paid and the church building was dedicated. In 1939, the Sunday School rooms were built and the parsonage was remodeled at a cost of $8,000.00. On November 21, 1943, these Sunday School rooms were dedicated by Rev. J.L. Morgan, D.D., President of the United Lutheran Synod of North Carolina. The program was planned by Pastor C.P. Fisher, but he became ill and was unable to attend the services. His son, C.P. Fisher, Jr., filled in for him.

A joint council meeting of the Landis-Concordia parish was held on June 4, 1944. The Council unanimously recommended that the pastorate be dissolved December 31, 1944, and that each congregation form a parish.

Rev. C.P. Fisher was unanimously voted as an all-time pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, to become effective January 1, 1945.

On October 26, 1945, Dr. C.P. Fisher died and was buried on Reformation Sunday, October 28, in Faith Lutheran Cemetery, Faith, North Carolina. Dr. J.L. Morgan conducted the funeral service in Trinity Lutheran Church at 3:30 PM.

Rev. W.B. Aull, retired and a member of Trinity, agreed to serve as supply pastor. In October 1946, a call was extended to Rev. Claude V. Deal, a Chaplain in the United States Army. He was in the states recuperating from wounds received in Okinawa and expected to be released from service at that time. He accepted the call, but the Army had other plans, namely, to send him to Korea for nine months. It was May 1947 before he came to Landis after being in service five years and after having been awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Rev. Aull had the pleasure of conducting the first service in which the new Moeller Pipe Organ was used. This was the early Easter morning service, April 21, 1946, a union service with the Reformed and the Methodist churches participating. While the congregation waited for its regular minister, the parsonage was redecorated, weather-stripped, insulated and a new basement constructed underneath with an oil burning furnace and steam connections. All of this was at the cost of about $4,000.00.

Rev. Claude V. Deal was installed as pastor on June 1, 1947. Rev. W.B. Aull assisted Dr. J.L. Morgan, President of Synod, with the installation service. It was fitting that one hundred and seventeen (117) members who served in the armed forces were honored in this post-war era homecoming. Rev. P.D. Risinger, a former pastor, preached the homecoming sermon. Tribute was paid to three Gold Star heroes: Harvey Castor, Lawrence Overcash and Herman Readling.

In July 1952, Mr. E.W. Wagoner, building contractor, presented to Council plans for an educational building. The Building Committee had its plans for such a building approved by Council in November 1952 and the next year, on June 28, 1953, the building was dedicated. The cost was over $40,000.00. Dedication of its furnishings came on October 2, 1954.

The next building was a new parsonage. Ground-breaking was held on the lot of the new parsonage site immediately after service on April 28, 1957. W.J.E. Roberts was Chairman of the Building Committee and David Daugherty was builder. Rev. Claude V. Deal and his family were the first to occupy

the new eight-room brick parsonage at 502 West Rice Street. An open house was held on December 29, 1957. The cost was $33,000.00. It was dedicated at the 50th anniversary observance of the congregation.

Rev. Donald E. Hanberry, now pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lilburn, Georgia, writes concerning his ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church in Landis during the 1960s:

"Please extend to all the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Landis, North Carolina hearty congratulations from all of us at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lilburn, Georgia at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of your great church. We truly share some of the joy you must feel in having reached this milestone in service to the Lord Jesus Christ since we recently celebrated the tenth anniversary of this Trinity's birth.

Jan, I, and our children, Candace, Andrew, Randall, and Sandford all share fondest memories of Landis since it was home for all of us for seven eventful years. During that time we learned to know and love the people of Trinity. Given a different set of circumstances our stay might have been much longer, but the sixties were turbulent years of change for all in church and society. We had a new Lutheran Church in America with all of the accompanying changes of educational curriculum, constitution and organization. Society as well as the church was faced with the challenge of meeting the demands of people of color for justice and equal rights. The Vietnam War became no small contributing factor in its own right to the upheavals going on in society and church. These were the years of the Kennedy assassinations, the King assassination, and the Johnson Great Society. They were years which brought out both the best and the beast in us. I cannot remember a single stretch of years in my ministry that were more turbulent or difficult than these. Demonstrations were everywhere and resistance was everywhere. Not even Trinity, Landis could escape such turbulence. The first years of ministry at Trinity were wonderful and calm. But it was not to remain so. All the chonges which began to grow out of the new church in its curriculum and organization pulled me and the congregation headlong into the struggles of society. Changes were made but not without the extraction of a very high price. Ministry and unity were damaged. Perhaps if I had been older and wiser some of this could have been avoided. I was only twenty-eight when I began my ministry among the good people of Trinity.

The facts were that benevolence to the church, the new congregational constitution and any other changes became focal points of turbulence at Trinity. The congregation had to consider the new constitution twice before it was passed. Even the much needed building and renovation program had to be considered twice before it could be started. In those last years of my ministry at Trinity I cannot remember much that came easy for me or for the congregation. It did not help that Rowan County was then the home of the Grand Dragon of the Knights of the Ku-Klux-Klan. I do not want to leave the impression that I am bitter. That is not the case. I cherish all of you at Landis. Those were important years of growth for us. Our son Sandford was born there as the first child to a parsonage family. We shared the love of all of you. And, we grew more than we knew thanks to those turbulent times. Therefore, it is with grateful hearts and fondest memories that we wish all at Trinity a beautiful and blessed 75th. We are interested in each of you and still keep up with you through the newsletter you so graciously send us each month. We are happy for your serenity and achievements. Thanks for all the memories."

Peace,

Pastor Hanberry (Signed)
Donald E. Hanberry,
Pastor

From Rev. Melbourne R. Farris, who succeeded Rev. Hanberry as pastor, we have these words of remembrance and greetings:
"To the members of Trinity Lutheran Church on its 75th Anniversary: Birthdays are happy occasions! Congratulations to Trinity Lutheran Church on its 75th Anniversary. I trust that the years ahead will continue to be most fruitful in the Master's service. Even though we had planned to retire in Lexington, North Carolina, I felt deeply the call to Trinity Church and rejoice that I was priviledged to be the shepherd of such a cooperative congregation. My primary concerns were to preach the gospel, to administer the sacraments, and to minister to the spiritual needs of the people. The response of the congregation in all of the church's activities was most gratifying. Elizabeth and I were most happy in our association with the members of Trinity congregation and felt that the Christian friendship and love we had was mutual. We extend our love and best wishes on this memorable

occasion and rejoice with you on this 75th Anniversary celebration."

Melbourne R. Farris (Signed)

Pastor James C. Stirewalt gives some of the significant events in the life of the congregation during these past ten years:

"As Pastor of Trinity congregation since July, 1974, I have experienced growth in my pastoral role as a result of strong, prayerful support on the part of the congregation as I have carried out pastoral duties.

Seventy-five years ago, Trinity congregation began with forty-four members. Numerically, the congregation experienced growth through the forties. A large increase in membership occurred during the fifties due to many marriages following World War II and a strong evangelism effort. Membership began to decline in the sixties due in part to the social issues which faced the entire country. During the seventies, our congregation grew older and our young families had fewer children. As a result, a major portion of my pastoral ministry has been shared with older members as they enjoy life and continue to contribute so much to the life of this congregation.

It has been rewarding through these ten years to give support to the members as they have grown in their awareness of what it means to be servants of Christ. This awareness is reflected in our concern for one another and our role in the community. Our buildings have been opened for community needs and our volunteer services are widely known. We continue to invite the unchurched and the inactive Christians of the community to serve Christ by being a part of our congregational life. We invite by providing attractive buildings and grounds, a quality music program, church schools with a dedicated staff, planned worship services and a warm welcome extended to our visitors. We have been open to new worship forms, different evangelism efforts, and an effort to grow ourselves and with a desire to meet the needs of others. We continue to support a long tradition of extended ministries throughout the world by benevolence support and cooperative endeavors with Christians of other confessions.

We have learned from our heritage. We are a congregation which strives to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus in a cooperative spirit. May God ever keep us in His Grace."

Yours in Christ,
James C. Stirewalt (Signed)

It is now seventy-five years since the church organization was completed and officers elected. Children, grandchildren and great-children of those first officers are active members of Trinity today and contribute much to the life of the congregation. That same spirit of working together in a caring relationship which characterized the first congregation is evident in 1984.

CHURCH STATISTICS
AT THE END OF 1983

MEMBERSHIP	
CONFIRMED	*459*
BAPTIZED	*541*
CONFIRMED MEMBERS ON ACTIVE ROLL	*281*
TOTAL COMMUNING MEMBERS	*256*
TOTAL RECEIPTS	*$79,205.51*
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	*$79,191.51*

CURRENT VALUES
OF PROPERTIES

CHURCH BUILDING AND CONTENTS	*$430,000.00*
EDUCATIONAL BUILDING AND CONTENTS	*$190,000.00*
PARSONAGE AND CONTENTS	*$115,000.00*
SCOUT HUT	*$5,000.00*

CHARTER MEMBERS - LANDIS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Baker, Charles M.	*Letter - St. Enoch*	*June 5, 1910*
Barringer, Jacob J.	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Barringer, Mrs. Jacob J.	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Beaver, James L.	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*July 10, 1910*
Beaver, Mrs. James L.	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*July 10, 1910*
Beaver, Rufus	*Letter - Grace*	*July 12, 1910*
Bostian, Charles	*Letter - Concordia*	*July 31, 1910*
Bostian, Mrs. Charles	*Letter - Trinity(Cabarrus)*	
Bostian, Jay R.	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Cooper, Lonnie	*Letter - Methodist China Grove*	*Oct. 21, 1910*
Fesperman, Miss Ada	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Freeze, Florence Bostian	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Hinson, Eli	*Letter - St. Mark China Grove*	*Oct. 23, 1910*
Hinson, Mrs. Eli(Martha)	*Letter - St. Mark China Grove*	*Oct. 23, 1910*
Hinson, Lucy Elizabeth	*Confirmation Rev. J.L. Morgan*	*June 5, 1910*
Hinson, Nettie Florina	*Confirmation Rev. J.L. Morgan*	*June 5, 1910*
Lipe, George O.	*Letter - St. Enoch*	*June 5, 1910*
Lipe, Mrs. George O.	*Letter - St. Enoch*	*June 5, 1910*
Lipe, Josephine	*Letter - St. Enoch*	*June 5, 1910*
Miller, Stokes E.	*Confirmation Rev. J.L. Morgan*	*June 5, 1910*
Mills, E.G.	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Mills, Mrs. E.G.	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Pethel, Mrs. Jane	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*July 10, 1910*
Rice, James R.	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Rice, Mrs. James R.	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Rice, Ida May	*Confirmation Rev. J.L. Morgan*	*June 5, 1910*
Rice, Mary Etta	*Confirmation Rev. J.L. Morgan*	*June 5, 1910*
Ritchie, James F.	*Letter - Concordia*	*June 12, 1910*

Ritchie, Mrs. James F.	*Letter - Concordia*	*June 12, 1910*
Ritchie, Lala Gertrude	*Confirmation Rev. J.L. Morgan*	*June 5, 1910*
Ritchie, Lillian May	*Confirmation Rev. J.L. Morgan*	*June 5, 1910*
Ritchie, Robert Guy	*Confirmation Rev. J.L. Morgan*	*June 5, 1910*
Roberts, Claude A.	*Confirmation Rev. J.L. Morgan*	*June 5, 1910*
Sechler, Albert L.	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Sechler, Mrs. Albert L.	*Letter - Grace*	*July 12, 1910*
Sloop, Miss Ellen	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Sloop, Miss Rebecca	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Taylor, Mrs. Dora May	*Letter - St. Mark China Grove*	*June 5, 1910*
Taylor, John L.	*Letter - Methodist Landis*	*June 20, 1910*
Turner, Ivy Bostian	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Wright, Frank E.	*Letter - St. Enoch*	*June 5, 1910*
Wright, Mrs. Frank E.	*Letter - St. Enoch*	*June 5, 1910*
Wright, George	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*
Wright, Mrs. George	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*June 26, 1910*

ASSOCIATE CHARTER MEMBERS

(Those Who Joined the Church in 1911)

McKnight, M.E. *McKnight, Mrs. M.E.* *McKnight, Ina*	*Letter - St. Enoch*	*Feb. 5, 1911*
Weaver, George *Weaver, Mrs. George*	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*Apr. 30, 1911*
Roberts, Mrs. Claude A.	*Letter - Methodist China Grove*	*May 21, 1911*
Weaver, John W. *Weaver, Mrs. John W.*	*Letter - Lutheran Chapel*	*Sept. 10, 1911*
Deaton, J.C. *Deaton, Mrs. J.C.* *Deaton, Lois*	*Letter - St. Enoch*	*Nov. 11, 1911*

MINISTERS WHO SERVED TRINITY

July 9, 1907 - May 21, 1911

JACOB LEVI MORGAN - Synodical missionary, organizing, serving and building churches

Summer, 1911

MOSES LEE KESTER - Ministerial student and supply pastor

December 17, 1911 - June 1, 1912

IRVING ERNEST LONG - Served St. Mark, Mooresville - Landis pastorate

October 1, 1912 - July 1, 1915

BACHMAN SAMUEL BROWN - Served Landis-Concordia pastorate

February 1, 1916 - August 31, 1917

PERRY EDGAR SHEALY - Served Landis-Concordia pastorate

November 1, 1917 - October 1, 1921

CARROLL IRVING MORGAN - Served Landis-Concordia pastorate

April 1, 1922 - August 31, 1924

PAUL DAVID RISINGER - Served Landis-Concordia pastorate

November 1, 1924 - March 1, 1930

CARL ORESTES LIPPARD - Served Landis-Concordia pastorate (later: Trinity, Landis - Concordia)

Summer 1930

PAUL GLADSTONE KINNEY - Ministerial student and supply pastor for Trinity, Landis-Concordia

August 1, 1930 - October 26, 1945

CLIFFORD PAUL FISHER - Served Trinity, Landis-Concordia (August 1, 1930 - December 31, 1944; Trinity, Landis January 1 - October 26, 1945)

November 4, 1945 - January 1, 1946

PAUL LOWMAN MORGAN - Supply pastor while on leave as a missionary

January 6, 1946 - April 30, 1947
WILLIAM BOWMAN AULL - Supply pastor

May 1, 1947 - August 31, 1961
CLAUDE VICTOR DEAL, SR. - Assisted by Rev. W.B. Aull during May 1947

September - November 1961
DR. BACHMAN STORCH BROWN, JR. (KANNAPOLIS) - Supply pastor

December 3, 1961 - October 7, 1968
DONALD EDWIN HANBERRY

October 14, 1968 - March 1969
ROBERT LOVE TROUTMAN - Vice-Pastor

May - July 1969
DONALD LYNN SAFRIT - Vice-Pastor

August 3, 1969 - December 31, 1973
MELBOURNE RUDISILL FARRIS

February - May 1974
CLAUDE VICTOR DEAL, SR. - Vice-Pastor

June 1974
CLYDE ALTON MISENHEIMER - Vice-Pastor

July 1974 -
JAMES COUNCIL STIREWALT

JACOB LEVI MORGAN

Born February 7, 1872, in Rowan County. Educated: North Carolina College, A.B., 1899; Southern Seminary, 1902; Lenoir Rhyne College, D.D., 1921, LL.D., 1945. Ordained 1902 by the North Carolina Synod. Married Elizabeth Virginia Clay Shoup, Mt. Pleasant, May 25, 1903. Died December 27, 1960; buried in Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Salisbury, North Carolina.

MOSES LEE KESTER

Born March 25, 1885 near Salisbury, North Carolina. Educated: M.P.C.I.; Newberry College, A.B., 1909, D.D.; Southern Seminary, 1912, B.D., 1925. Ordained in 1912 by the North Carolina Synod. Married Annie Little, Statesville, North Carolina, June 4, 1913. Retired in 1953 at Walterboro, South Carolina. Died February 16, 1961; buried in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Columbia, South Carolina

IRVING ERNEST LONG

Born June 19, 1882 at Prosperity, South Carolina. Educated: Newberry College, A.B., 1907, D.D., 1930; Southern Seminary, 1910. Ordained 1910 by the South Carolina Synod. Married Erline Charlotte Weinheimer, Charleston, South Carolina, October 19, 1910. Retired 1957 at Charleston, South Carolina. Died September 11, 1958; buried at Charleston, South Carolina.

BACHMAN SAMUEL BROWN

Born November 19, 1854 in Rowan County. Educated: North Carolina College, Roanoke College, A.B., 1875, D.D., 1925; Southern Seminary, 1878. Ordained in 1878 by the North Carolina Synod. Married Mary Catherine Brown, Wytheville, Virginia, November 19, 1878. Retired in 1921 at China Grove, North Carolina. Died June 9, 1934; buried at St. Luke Church, Bear Poplar, North Carolina.

PERRY EDGAR SHEALY

Born September 2, 1880 at Prosperity, South Carolina. Educated: Lenoir Rhyne College (1 year) and Newberry College, A.B. 1907, M.A. 1914; Southern Seminary, 1910; Chicago Seminary, B.D. 1918. Ordained 1910 by the Georgia Synod. Married Pearl Mae Moody, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, November 13, 1910. Retired 1958 near Fincastle, Virginia; later, near Winchester, Virginia. Died February 22, 1967 at Winchester, Virginia.

CARROLL IRVING MORGAN

Born September 8, 1873 in Lexington County, South Carolina. Educated: Lenoir Rhyne College, A.B. 1900; Southern Seminary, 1903; Chicago Seminary, B.D. 1909. Ordained 1902 by the Tennessee Synod. Married Lillie Russell Tyson, Salisbury, North Carolina, December 26, 1911. Died January 1948; buried at Leesville, South Carolina.

PAUL DAVID RISINGER

Born May 18, 1870 near Leesville, South Carolina. Educated: Lenoir Rhyne College and Newberry College, A.B. 1897; Southern Seminary, 1898. Ordained 1897 by the Tennessee Synod. Married Ida Mae Brown, a sister of the Rev. Charles L. Brown, D.D., long a missionary in Japan and later a secretary of United Lutheran Church in America Board of Foreign Missions at Monroe, July 19, 1899; second marriage to Grace Caughman, Leesville, South Carolina at Columbia, South Carolina, January 30, 1941. Retired 1936-1941 at Leesville, South Carolina and again in 1948 at Leesville, South Carolina. Died November 12, 1950; buried at Leesville, South Carolina.

CARL ORESTES LIPPARD

Born September 14, 1888 in Iredell County. Educated: Lenoir Rhyne College, A.B. 1915; Southern Seminary, 1918, B.D., 1929. Ordained 1918 by S.W. Virginia Synod. Married Lucy Emma Yoder, Catawba County, June 30, 1920. He and his wife were fatally injured in a car wreck in Chicago, Illinois; died September 11, 1933; buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Hickory, North Carolina.

PAUL GLADSTONE KINNEY

Born March 22, 1903 in Alamance County. Educated: Lenoir Rhyne College (2 years) and Elon College, A.B. 1928; Southern Seminary, B.D. 1931; graduate study Duke University, 1935-36. Ordained 1931 by the North Carolina Synod. Married Annie Mae Patterson, Burlington, North Carolina, June 27, 1933. Retired 1962 near Burlington, North Carolina; died June 5, 1973.

CLIFFORD PAUL FISHER

Born July 29, 1877 in Cabarrus County. Educated: North Carolina College, A.B. 1900; Chicago Seminary, B.D., 1903; Lenoir Rhyne College, D.D., 1943. Ordained 1903 by the North Carolina Synod. Died while still active at Trinity, Landis, North Carolina, October 26, 1945. The funeral was conducted in Trinity Church on Sunday, October 28 at 3:30 PM by Rev. J.L. Morgan, D.D., President of the North Carolina Synod and Dr. P.E. Monroe, President of Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina. Burial was in Faith Lutheran Cemetery, Faith, North Carolina.

PAUL LOWMAN MORGAN

Born March 16, 1923 at Troutman. His father's mother was a sister of Dr. J.L. Morgan, hence he was a great-nephew of the one who helped establish the church in Landis, North Carolina. Educated: Lenoir Rhyne College, A.B. 1943; Southern Seminary, B.D. 1945; graduate study, Biblical Seminary. Ordained by the North Carolina Synod, 1945. Married Besi Marie Silman, Gastonia, North Carolina, October 15, 1945. He is presently at Christ Church in Roanoke, Virginia. His address: 2011 Brandon Avenue, S.W., Roanoke, Virginia 24015.

WILLIAM BOWMAN AULL

Born March 19, 1870 in Newberry County, South Carolina. Educated: Newberry College, A.B. 1897; Southern Seminary, 1901; Chicago Seminary, B.D. 1904; Lenoir Rhyne College, D.D. 1954. Ordained 1901 by the Virginia Synod. Married Mabel Deal, May 19, 1909. Died April 12, 1957 while pastor at St. Paul, Statesville, North Carolina; buried at China Grove, North Carolina.

CLAUDE VICTOR DEAL, SR.

Born March 5, 1906 at Hickory, North Carolina. Educated: Lenoir Rhyne College, A.B. 1930; Southern Seminary, B.D., 1934. Ordained in 1934 by the North Carolina Synod. Married Barbara Setzer, Hickory, North Carolina, September 12, 1931. Died while pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Salisbury, North Carolina, May 15, 1974; buried at Grace Church Cemetery, Salisbury, North Carolina.

DONALD EDWIN HANBERRY

Born July 28, 1933 at Cylo, Effingham County, Georgia. Educated: Reinhardt Junior College, Waleka, Georgia (2 years), Newberry College, B.S., 1954; Southern Seminary, B.D. 1958. Ordained in 1958 by the Georgia-Alabama Synod. Married Janet Arnsdorff, Springfield, Georgia, June 4, 1955. He is currently pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lilburn, Georgia. His home address is 1826 Killian Hill Road, Lilburn, Georgia 30247.

MELBOURNE RUDISILL FARRIS

Born July 19, 1905 at Cherryville, North Carolina. Educated: Lenoir Rhyne College, A.B. 1928; Southern Seminary, 1931. Ordained in 1931 by the North Carolina Synod. Married Elizabeth Lingle, June 30, 1931. Retired to Cherryville, North Carolina. His address is: 407 Old Post Road, Cherryville, North Carolina 28021.

BACHMAN STORCH BROWN (B.S. BROWN, JR.)

Born October 6, 1889 in Madison, Virginia. Educated: Roanoke College, A.B. 1913; Philadelphia Seminary, 1916; Lenoir Rhyne College, D.D., 1944. Ordained in 1916 by the Holston Synod. Married Beulah L. Isenhour, Concord, North Carolina, October 14, 1924. Retired 1959 at Kannapolis, North Carolina. Died March 9, 1978.

JAMES COUNCIL STIREWALT

Born May 27, 1927 in Rowan County. Educated: Catawba College, A.B. 1951; Southern Seminary, B.D. 1956. Ordained in 1956 by the North Carolina Synod. Married Martha Alma Arthurs, May 29, 1955.

SONS OF THE CONGREGATION WHO ENTERED THE LUTHERAN MINISTRY

DR. B.S. BROWN, JR. was the first son of the congregation to enter the ministry. He went to Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, while his father was pastor.

C.P. FISHER, JR. - Rev. Fisher retired while at Cayce, South Carolina and moved to Rockwell, North Carolina.

JOHN F. TAYLOR, JR. - Rev. Taylor serves three churches in Virginia: Bethel, St. Jacob, and Zion. His address is P.O. Box 175, Edinburg, Virginia 22824.

CLAUDE V. DEAL, JR. - Rev. Deal is hospital chaplain in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. His address: 2432 North Hills Drive, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701.

PERRY L. SLOOP - Rev. Sloop is pastor of Holy Trinity in Houston, Texas. His address: 7822 Northline, Houston, Texas 77037.

FIRSTS

Banks Ritchie, the first child baptized in the newly organized congregation was born on May 30, 1909 and baptized on November 30, 1909. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim F. Ritchie.

Sallie Juanita Sechler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Sechler, was the first child born in the newly organized congregation, August 15, 1909. She was baptized on January 10, 1910 by Rev. J.L. Morgan.

Dorothy Beatrice Wright, born October 23, 1909 and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Wright, was the first child of the organized congregation baptized. The baptism was on January 2, 1910 by Rev. J.L. Morgan.

Mary Kathyrn Lipe was the first child baptized in the frame church. She was born August 25, 1911 and baptized December 1911. Kathryn was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.O. Lipe.

Mr. J.C. Deaton was the first Superintendent of the Sunday School, organized on May 29, 1910.

A Children's Missionary Society was organized in 1911. Rev. B.S. Brown was the first pastor to live in the first parsonage. This was built jointly by Landis and Concordia churches. He served both churches. The first funeral in the church was for Mrs. James R. Rice. She died on June 27, 1911 and the funeral was on June 29, 1911. The sermon was preached by the supply pastor, M.L. Kester. The body was taken to Greenlawn in a horse-drawn hearse. Mr. Jacob L. Bostian, operating a livery stable in China Grove, operated the hearse.

Mary Etta Rice's wedding on May 13, 1917 to Mr. Herbert Lee Cooksey of Kannapolis was the first and only wedding in the frame church. Mary Etta was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Rice.

Donald McKnight, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.D. McKnight, and John M. McKnight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. McKnight, were the first to be baptized in the brick church. The baptisms were at the same baptismal service held in the basement of the church.

The first marriage in the brick church was that of Mr. Sherman Pless and Miss Lola Williams on September 20, 1931 with Rev. C.P. Fisher conducting the ceremony. Mr. Pless was a brother of Welker and Fletcher Pless.

The funeral of Mr. Lee C. Goodnight was the first in the brick church. He died on March 28, 1930. The service was conducted by Rev. P.D. Risinger and Rev. C.P. Fisher.

The reception after the wedding of Margaret Ann Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mills, was the first one in the Parish House. This was on March 13, 1954.

Mrs. C.P. Fisher was the first woman elected to the Church Council. She served a two-year term, 1958-60.

Eric Beaver and Paul Coan became the first Lay Assistants in April 1976.

THERE ARE THREE CHARTER MEMBERS LIVING TODAY:

IDA MAY RICE (MRS. IDA R. SLOOP) LIVES IN MOORESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
MARY ETTA RICE (MRS. MARY R. COOKSEY) LIVES IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
LALA GERTRUDE RITCHIE LIVES IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

THEY WERE ALL MEMBERS OF THE FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS, JUNE 5, 1910.

THE ALTAR GUILD

Mrs. Verline Wolfe, who has given many years of service to the Altar Guild, describes the duties and responsibilities rarely recognized by most worshippers:

One of the essentials in the life of every church is the work of the Altar Guild. By the care given to worship, whether private or public, we tell ourselves and the world how much God means to us. By the loving devotion we expend on God's House and its furnishings, we publish abroad our estimation of our religion.

The work of the Altar Guild is the kind that cannot be done in haste, if it is done well. Its very nature requires that it be given plenty of time. The beauty of holiness demands that we sacrifice speed for care to detail. Results will be elevating and inspiring.

Duties are vesting the altar, pulpit and lectern with seasonal hangings of paraments, laundering and caring for the altar fair linens and communion linens, seeing that the chancel is wholly ready for whatever service impends: communion, funeral, wedding or baptismal. For the baptismal, water must be put in the baptismal font. Other responsibilities are to put out liners for flower vases on the altar, clean and polish all the brasses and the communion vessels, lay out the pall for funerals, launder and press all robes (the pastor's, lay readers', acolytes' and confirmands'), take care of the candles on the altar and ones used in the Candlelight Service, keep candelabras clean from wax and keep globes clean and put away safely, put up Advent wreath and keep fresh greenery in it through the Advent season, take down the wreath after the season is over and put it away in velvet holder, place Paschal candle in designated places for funerals, baptisms and seasonal positions, help make fresh pine or cedar wreaths for the church doors and windows for Christmas, and carry bread and wine to the altar for communion services.

MUSIC

Music is an essential part of worship in Lutheran churches. The frame church had both a piano and a reed pump organ and depended upon volunteers from the congregation to play for Sunday School and church services. Mary Rice (Cooksey) recalls playing the piano for Sunday School. Lois Deaton (Williams) was one of the first organists. The pump organ was transferred to Sunday School quarters when the brick church was completed and a piano was used for church services until April 21, 1946. On that Easter Sunday, the new Moeller pipe organ, played by organist Mary Gladys Fisher, joined in the glad Hal-le-lujahs of a union service with the Reformed and Methodist churches participating. Mary Gladys Fisher gave a recital of organ music at 7:30 PM on September 1, 1946 and, on September 28, this new Moeller pipe organ, grill panels and chimes were dedicated by Dr. J.L. Morgan, assisted by Rev. W.B. Aull. Grill panels to match the pipe organ were presented by J. Clay and Joe A. Wright in memory of their father, Frank E. Wright. Chimes for the new Moeller pipe organ were given by J. Frank and Phil E. Lipe in honor and memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.O. Lipe. The chimes were first heard during the organ recital on September 1, 1946. In March 1972, a carillon was given by Phil Lipe II in memory of his father, Phil Lipe Sr., and William Parker Burn and in honor of Mrs. Phil Lipe Sr., Mrs. Betty L. Davis, and Joseph Lipe.

An excellent choir, for the most part self-trained volunteers, under the direction of a trained organist and choir director employed by the church, provides leadership for congregational singing and presents special musical programs during the year. Some of the organists and choir directors since the church acquired the Moeller pipe organ were Mary Gladys Fisher, Frances Pless, Harry Freeze, Dr. Hamp Stirewalt, Mrs. Ray Triece, Glenda Poole, Louis Porter, Sara Linn Dry, Libby Linn and Nancy Jean Storie. Doris Francis, the current organist and choir director, came in July 1984. Depending upon available talent, both of participants and of leadership, there have been a children's choir, a junior choir and a handbell choir.

LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The first organization of the church for women was the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, organized in 1911 with Mrs. J.C. Deaton, President and Miss Josephine Lipe, Secretary and Treasurer.
About 1930, a group for younger women was organized. The older group became Circle Number One and the younger group, Circle Number Two. Miss Josephine Lipe made all members of Circle Number One Life Members. The members renamed the Circle, Josephine Lipe Circle. Circle Number Two was renamed Lucy Lippard Circle.
About 1943, another group of younger women was organized and named Nell Lipe Circle. Three additional Circles were organized several years later and were named Katheryne Brown Holbrook Circle, Zelia Fisher Circle and Barbara Deal Circle.

(Written with assistance from Ruby Taylor Beaver and Mary Lee Taylor Smith)

IN THE SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS SINCE THE CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1909, THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY FIVE TREASURERS. FRANK E. WRIGHT WAS TREASURER FROM 1909 UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1942. THE SECOND IN LENGTH OF YEARS OF SERVICE WAS PAUL A. SHUE WHO WAS TREASURER FROM 1947 THROUGH 1974. OTHER TREASURERS: R. GUY RITCHIE, SR., 1942-1946; GEORGE L. PLESS, 1975-1976; AND STEPHEN R. TALBERT, TREASURER SINCE 1977.

THE CHRISMON TREE

Mrs. Helen Wright, instrumental in gaining interest and support of women in Trinity Lutheran Church for making Chrismon decorations and decorating a tree at Christmas, tells how it all began:

The Chrismon Tree originated in Danville, Virginia before Pastor James C. Stirewalt went there as minister in 1961. Mrs. Frances Spencer, a member of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, designed the first Chrismons. The tradition of decorating a tree with Chrismons for Christmas at Trinity Lutheran Church started in January 1968.

A group sponsored by the Margaret Fisher Sunday School Class met and named Verline Wolfe and Helen Wright Co-Chairmen. Mrs. Bonnie Miller from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Statesville came to Landis, brought some symbols and gave instructions. St. Paul was one of the first churches in this area to make the Chrismons for decorations.

Material was bought and Verline Wolfe made kits for each design. Her husband, Frank, cut out all of the styrofoam and he and Clay Overcash welded and made the figure eight which represents the Liturgical year. Women, men and children worked on the figures and had the Chrismons ready to put up the first time in December 1968.

Since then, other members have become interested and have made new symbols and have helped to decorate the tree. It becomes more beautiful each year.

MR. MYRON BROWN, A MEMBER SINCE DECEMBER 4, 1912 BY LETTER OF TRANSFER FROM LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH IN BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, HAS THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP OF ANY CONFIRMED MEMBER LIVING TODAY.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

On March 31, 1912, a Cemetery Committee was appointed to confer as regards location of a cemetery and report to the Council. Committee members were F.E. Wright, James L. Beaver, Rufus Beaver, G.O. Lipe and Charles Baker. Not until more than four years later was purchase of a lot made. This was one acre on the Mooresville-Landis Highway. In the Council minutes of December 17, 1916 is a report of the Cemetery Committee composed of "Rufus Beaver, F.E. Wright, J.F. Ritchie and Mr. Shealey, Pastor, Advisory Member." On January 14, 1917, the Cemetery Committee was instructed to sell lots at $6.00 each; all lots to be marked in a proper manner.

James F. Deal, Jr. comments on the situation prior to 1976 when the Church Council named a committee chaired by Adam Goodman, a Council member, "to review, evaluate and make adjustments" to rules concerning the church cemetery. "The cemetery was neglected until the Myron Brown Sunday School Class took it on as a project. Guy Ritchie raised most of the money (around $1,500.00). Lee Medlin was in charge of the cemetery. He did a lot of work on it and collected a good bit of money for upkeep from people who owned lots. The Sunday School Class was the Cemetery Committee. Guy Ritchie wished to take $500.00 from the Cemetery Fund and place it in the Class Treasury. Lee objected and resigned from the job of looking after the cemetery. This happened before I joined the class.

I was contacted to teach in the Myron Brown Sunday School Class. There were four teachers: Miller Cavin, A.C. Dayvault, Oris Karriker and myself. Lawrence Nesbitt taught on the fifth Sundays. I was approached to look after the cemetery. I accepted and eventually we worked with a committee named by the Church Council to form a Church Committee to be in charge, taking management of the cemetery away from the Sunday School Class."

On June 20, 1976 the Council accepted <u>Rules and Regulations Regarding the Cemetery of Trinity Lutheran Church</u> presented by the committee chaired by Adam Goodman and composed of James Deal, Miller Cavin, Roy Roberts and Carl Brown. James Deal was named chairman of a Cemetery Committee whose other members were Roy Roberts, Miller Cavin, Adam Goodman and Floyd Daugherty. Approximately $3,500.00 in the Cemetery Treasury was placed in the bank under the authority of the congregation.

James Deal tells about the "catch-up" work done by this committee: "There were no records kept until I took over the Committee. There were two maps on which owners' names were written and the filled graves were marked. I put all information I had into a notebook and a record was made of what was paid in and by whom. The Committee made a set of rules under which we operated and set the price for lots. These can be altered by the Committee. Lee Medlin gave me a lot of help. Mrs. Verline Wolfe and family gave the cemetery marker in memory of Frank Wolfe. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Daugherty Sr. gave the brick and wrought iron entrance in memory of their daughter. Guy Ritchie Sr. and Clyde Ritchie gave the cemetery memorial plaque in memory of their father, James F. Ritchie. Roy Roberts was treasurer and hired people to keep the grounds mowed.

I did not have the time to give that I thought was needed, so I resigned and Adam Goodman took over. He was followed by O.C. Duncan. Vick Harrington followed him and is still looking after the cemetery. Vick has done a lot of work for which he will accept no pay. He has donated and set out most of the shrubbery. Several different people have served as treasurer."

MILLER CAVIN AND JOE WRIGHT WERE JANITORS IN THE FRAME CHURCH FOR TWO YEARS, 1925 AND 1926. THEIR DUTIES WERE TO CLEAN THE CHURCH ON SATURDAYS, THEN TO BUILD A FIRE IN THE POT-BELLIED STOVE BEFORE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH AND KEEP THE STOVE CLEANED OUT. FOR ALL OF THIS THEY WERE PAID $10.00 EACH PER MONTH.

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR	James C. Stirewalt
SECRETARY	Faye S. Overcash
ORGANIST	Doris B. Francis
SEXTON	Lee Miller

CHURCH OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN	Bobby G. Brown
VICE CHAIRMAN	Carl H. Brown
SECRETARY	Nancy Jean Storie
TREASURER	Stephen R. Talbert
BUILDING FUND TREASURER	Charles F. Wright

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE
Nancy Jean Storie, Chairperson

SOCIAL MINISTRY
Hattie W. Cordrey, Chairperson

PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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Stephen R. Talbert, Chairperson

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Bob L. Davis, Chairperson

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Jack S. Sorrow, Chairperson

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Kenneth R. Linn, Chairperson

VAN COMMITTEE
Jack S. Sorrow, Chairperson

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Della Mae R. Dayvault

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Linda R. Sorrow

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Sue B. Dodd

DEN MOTHER
Deanie Sells

JUNIOR LEADER
Elizabeth H. Linn

CADET LEADER
Deborah H. Kilpatrick

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